

SATURDAY
EVENING

Daily Reading Notes
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Daily Reading Notes: Jan-Apr 2008

***Saturday EV aims to build a church full of people
who are missionaries in their home town***

Who are you on mission to?

Make a list and start praying for them (and yourself)



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Home-groups are the root system of our church

2008 FOCUS

1. Study the Word - *and apply it*

- Groups gather to read and discuss the passage that was preached on the Saturday before.
- Groups go into more detailed relevant application
- Groups pray from the passage

2. Community - Doing life together

- Groups aim to support and care for each other through the ups and downs of life
- Groups encourage people into the right ministries

3. Mission - Training Local missionaries

- Groups are a good training ground for local missionaries
- Groups aim to better equip people to be on mission to those around us

How to use these notes

Bible reading requires effort and concentration, for the task is to understand clearly what God Himself has given us. We must not however, approach Bible reading with a merely 'academic' attitude. In the text we are confronted with God Himself. As we read the scriptures we will experience the overwhelming wonder of being prompted by the Spirit to conform our lives to be more like Christ.

These notes are not designed as a self-contained group Bible study but as a stimulus for daily reading and for Home Group preparation. Don't feel restricted by the questions, they are simply designed to get you thinking.

Here is a guide for how to spend your time.

- Before you begin reading pray! Ask that God would enable you to sit humbly under his word, that he might graciously speak to you, and that he would mould you to his character.
- Read the section for the day. Use the questions to aid your reflection on each passage, taking notes if it is helpful.
- Finally spend some time considering the impact of your reading and then pray again about those things.

Disclaimer!

These studies are an aid to your Bible reading. They are by no means definitive. There are many more issues and implications for reflection than those highlighted in the daily questions.

THE FIVE PURPOSES OF CHURCH

God has saved us for a purpose - He is a purposeful God! What therefore does He purpose for us as a community of believers?

To make it simple we have identified five areas. As you and your home group gather together around the scriptures this term, consider these five and how they bear on our lives together!

God has called us to:

MAGNIFICATION

growth in our love and adoration of Christ expressed in all of life

MEMBERSHIP

growth in the joy of living as a community of renewed people

MATURITY

growth in our knowledge of him and in our godliness of life

MINISTRY

growth in our service of others - especially of our Christian family

MISSION

growth in our desire and ability to bring the gospel to others

Week 1

The Word of Life - John 1:1-5

Day 1 Read John 1:1-5

Introduction to the book of John

John is the last of the four gospels written. History strongly suggests it was written within the last two decades of the first century. Although the book itself does not say who wrote it, external evidence tells us it was written by John, the son of Zebedee, one of the disciples of Jesus. The author was an eye witness of the things that took place (1:14; 19:35), and a close friend of Jesus, describing himself as the disciple Jesus loved (21:20-24).

It is unique among the four gospels in its structure, content and style, so much so that the first three gospels are known collectively as the Synoptics (because they parallel each other). Most identify four major sections in the structure of John: a prologue (1:1-18), an epilogue (21:1-25), and two major central sections (1:19-12:50, the book of signs and 13:1-20:31, the book of glory). Up to chapter 13 there are seven major miracles (signs) recorded. These are chosen deliberately as pointers to the identity of Jesus.

Much of the content of the Synoptics is not found in John. There are no narrative parables, no account of the transfiguration, no record of the institution of the Lord's supper, no report of Jesus casting out a demon, no account of Jesus' baptism. Also John contains much that is not in the Synoptics. John records very little of Jesus' ministry in the north, in Galilee, but rather focuses on the south, particularly around Jerusalem.

John's style is also very different. He seems to draw out more of the significance of the historical events of Jesus. Whereas the other gospels record the miracles of Jesus and only occasionally make explicit their significance, John reviews the facts in light of their interpretation. He calls the miracles of Jesus 'signs'. By this he weaves into his historical report an interpretation of their significance as pointers to (or signs of) the identity of the one performing them. John also makes more of the spiritual significance or symbolism surrounding events. He makes it obvious that it really was night when Judas left Jesus in chapt 13:30, highlighting the symbolism of light and dark. To leave Jesus is to go into darkness and become lost. The incident with Nicodemus also occurs at night. It is unlikely these are accidental references given how important the themes of light and dark are in the gospel (3:19, 20).

Despite these differences John has the same aim as the other gospels - to present to us the facts about Jesus that we might know that Jesus is the Christ, and believing, that we might have life in his name (20:30, 31). Reflect on this.

John is not writing to give us lessons for life. Rather he is writing to help us understand JESUS, specifically that Jesus is THE CHRIST. John is aware that the coming of Jesus

is in fulfilment of expectations established by God in the OT. Jesus only makes sense in this historical context - the context of OT thought. Reading John should help you fit your Bible together - old and new testament. In fact the better you know your OT, the better you will understand Jesus as presented in the New. However, this is no academic work of historical interest only. It is written by a man who was convinced that Jesus is God become flesh and that he came to enable us to become children of God, to have life in his name (1:17).

Studying this book and prayerfully reflecting on it should deepen your faith and enable you to appreciate more fully the implications of the truth about Christ. By this you should experience in fuller measure the life of the kingdom now and be assured of possessing its fullness in the coming age.

Pray God will do this in you.

Day 2 Read John 1:1-18

The first 18 verses of John's gospel are what is called the prologue. It functions to give an overview of the whole sweep of Jesus' ministry: his pre existence, his nature, his arrival, his achievement, the response he found... It is worth careful study as most of the key themes of the whole of John's gospel are found within it.

According to verse 1, 2 what is the relationship between God and the word?

According to vs 3-4 what is the word responsible for?

PONDER Was there a THEN when Jesus WAS NOT?

PRAY

Thank God for sending Jesus to accurately reveal who he really is

Ask that we might better understand how Jesus can be both identical to and distinct from God.

Day 3 Read John 1:1-5

For your information

The 'word' or 'logos' as John uses it in John 1:1 would have been a significant 'title' for both Jews and Greeks. For Jews it would have reminded them about God's activity in the Old Testament - God works through his word - in creating (Genesis 1, Psalm 33:6) in revealing (Jer 1:4; Is 9:8, etc) in deliverance (Ps 107:20; Is 55:1), etc.

Greeks saw the 'word' or 'logos' as the organising principle of the universe, it was the logos that gave order to everything.

Both Jews and Greeks would have been shocked to think that the word became flesh.

According to verses 5, 10, 11 what is the relationship between the word and the world?

Now take up the passage in 1:14-18. What further statements are made about the word?

PONDER Who is the word?

PRAY

Day 4 Read John 1:1-5

What is so fantastic about verse 14 in light of what you have read in John 1:1-3 and 1:18?

What are the benefits of Jesus coming into the world?

See especially verses 9, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18

PONDER Why do you think it took John so long to say that Jesus was the word?

PRAY

Ask that God will help us to receive Jesus and to believe in his name, living this out in our daily lives.

Day 5 Read John 1:1-5

The repetition of ideas is often a way a writer indicates a key idea, ie - “Testify” or “witness” (vs7, 8, 15)

Can you identify others?

PONDER Since these are and will be key ideas, give some thought to considering what they might mean.

PRAY

Week 2 The Word becomes Flesh

John 1:6-18

Day 1 Read John 1:6-18

In v 14 John uses language which has its background in Exodus 34 and 40 - God shows Moses his glory and makes his dwelling with Israel in a tent - the word John uses for dwelling literally means 'pitched his tent' amongst us.

Consider the idea of light and darkness, they are big themes in John

See John 3:16-21; 4:13,14; 4:49,50; 5:24-26; 8:12; 9:4,5; 11:25-27.

What are the opposites to light and life?

PONDER How are they spoken of in the Scriptures above?

(Hint, it is not as simple as seeing light as purity)

PRAY

Day 2 Read John 1:6-18

If anyone tries to talk about what God is like and does not refer to Jesus Christ then they can be ignored as not really knowing what they are talking about. It may be interesting but ultimately futile.

How do you respond to this statement?

What are the implications for the claims of other religions and philosophies that claim to give us insight into God.

How do verses 10-13 illustrate the consequences of Jesus' ministry?

PRAY

Day 3 Read John 1:6-18

1. How does one become a child of God according to vs 12-13?

2. Who do you think the 'we' are mentioned in v 14 ?

PONDER Given all that is said concerning the word, why is the response identified in verses 10, 11 so tragic?

And why is the promise in verse 12 so extraordinary?

PRAY

Day 4 Read John 1:1-18

1. John's gospel will constantly allude to OT ideas. Can you see any here in these first 18 verses?

What Old Testament Scripture seems to be in John's mind in this introduction to the gospel?

Compare this with Psalm 33:6-8

PONDER "The Law was given by Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."

How is the revelation in Jesus superior to that which came through Moses?

PRAY

Day 5 Read John 1:1-18

1. From what you know of John's gospel why do you think John has written 1:1-18 ?

2. How does this passage 'set up' the rest of the gospel?

PONDER How do these Scriptures enlarge your picture of the Word?

Hebrews 1:1-3 and Colossians 1:15-20

PRAY

Week 3 The Lamb of God

John 1:19-34

Day 1 Read John 1:19-28

Enter John - the Baptist.

We have already seen him in the first 18 verses. These verses function as an overture to the whole book.

1. What do you know about John, his ministry and his message from 1:1-18 (see esp 6-9, 15)?

2. What was his role in the story of Jesus?

PONDER if John's role remains significant today.

PRAY

Give praise to God that he has given this salvation message to be proclaimed.

Day 2 Read John 1:19-28

1. From 19-28 what do you learn about John, his ministry and message?

2. What is John's explanation of his purpose in coming to Israel?

PONDER how we have a similar but different role to John.

PRAY

Give thanks for those who have pointed us to Jesus & pray that we may also be bearers of this good news.

Day 3 Read John 1:19-28

1. What three people does John say that he is not?

2. Who does John say he is (v 23)?

3. What is the significance of these denials that they would be included in the account?

PONDER the importance of a trustworthy deliverer of the message

PRAY

Day 4 Read John 1:19-28

1. What does the question by the Pharisees (vs 24) imply about their expectations?

2. John does not give a clear indication of the purpose of his Baptism in these verses but rather draws a contrast. What is it?

PONDER What is commendable about John's response to Jesus?

PRAY

That we might have a similar right humility before our Lord Jesus.

Day 5 Read John 1:29-34

1. John explains a little more about the purpose of his Baptism. From vs 29-31 what is it?

2. How did John know that Jesus was the one he was to announce?

(cf. OT expectation Is 11; 42:1-3)

3. What does it mean that Jesus will be the one who will "baptise with the Holy Spirit"?

(Hint - read Ezekiel 36:24- 27, Joel 2: 28-32 & Acts 2: 1-21)

PONDER how incredible it would have been to hear this message from John for the first time

PRAY

Week 4 Following the Lamb

John 1:35-51

Day 1 Read John 1:35-42

1. If someone asked you why they should consider following Jesus what would you say to them?

2. Notice how this passage begins with John still performing his role as a witness to Jesus.

3. What is the consequence of John bearing witness to Jesus in verses 35-6?

PONDER about what it would mean to get distracted by the messenger and miss the message

PRAY

Ask that we may respond appropriately to the arrival of Jesus, as did John's disciples.

Day 2 Read John 1:35-42

1. What do the two fellows call Jesus when they first speak to him?

2. What is the first thing that Andrew does after hearing Jesus speak?

3. One of the key words of John's gospel is witness or testimony (see 1: 32). From what you have seen of John the Baptist what constitutes a good witness to Jesus ?

PONDER What sort of testimony to Jesus do you bear?

What are the situations where you have opportunity to bear witness to Jesus?

PRAY

For a better witness, and more opportunities

Day 3 Read John 1:43-51

1. What does Philip do when he follows Jesus?

2. Who does he refer to Jesus as in verse 45 ?

PONDER What is encouraging and inspiring about Philip's response?

PRAY

That we may understand the significance of who Jesus is & respond like the zealous Philip.

Day 4 Read John 1:43-51

1. Why does Nathanael have trouble believing Philip?

2. Why does Nathanael believe in Jesus?

3. What titles does Nathanael give to Jesus?

4. What are the even greater things that Nathanael will go on to see?

PONDER how Nathanael typifies many people's response to Jesus?

PRAY

For those you know who have an interest in God but have not yet come to trust in his Son.

Day 5 Read John 1:43-51

1. Why do you think John has gone into such detail and told this story the way that he has?

2. What sort of an impression do you have of Jesus at the end of chapter 1?

3. What do you think it means for the heavens to open and for angels to ascend/descend etc?

4. Notice that each person in the chapter that bears witness bears witness to their testimony to Jesus. If someone asked you for your testimony to Jesus what would you say - how would you explain his significance?

PONDER The disciples could say 'come and see' to the people that they talked to about Jesus - in the light of v 51 in what sense can we still say come and see to those who inquire after Jesus?

PRAY

Thank God for the faithful testimony of John the Baptist in his plan to save the world.

Week 5 Glory Revealed

John 2:1-11

Day 1 Read John 2:1-11

For Your Information

Running out of wine at a gathering like this constituted a major social embarrassment - there is even the possibility that the groom could have been sued for this happening.

Jesus' address of his mother is simply the word "woman" - it sounds a little more harsh to our ears than it perhaps was though it is certainly a formal and 'distancing' form of address for a son to address his mother.

Notice also that Mary is not named throughout the story - there is no attempt to draw attention to her and she is in no way the 'master' of her son as some varieties of theology that venerate Mary would suggest.

1. Why was Jesus at the wedding?

2. What do you think of Jesus' reply to his mother in v 4 ?

3. What 'time' do you think he is referring to?

PONDER In what ways has Jesus shown himself to be unlike a normal son?

PRAY

That we might recognise Jesus for who he really is.

Day 2 Read John 2:1-11

1. What effect do you think Jesus' reply to Mary in v4 would have on her - what would she have been caused to consider ?

2. How do you see your relationship to Jesus?

PONDER Are there things that you might be tempted to 'trade on', that mean Jesus 'has to' favour you?

PRAY

Day 3 Read John 2:1-11

1. What kind of jars was the water contained in?

2. Who knew about this miracle?

PONDER why Jesus would choose to reveal this miracle to a few ordinary servants?

(See also Luke 10:21)

PRAY

Give thanks that Jesus has revealed himself to those who are undeserving.

Day 4 Read John 2:1-11

1. What was the quality of the wine like ?

2. What do you think is the significance of the fact that it was Jewish ceremonial jars used to hold the water?

PONDER What point is John making by continually using Jewish/ Old Testament references to Jesus?

PRAY

Give thanks that we are no longer under the Law but have been freed by Jesus.

Day 5 Read John 2:1-11

1. What was the disciples' response to this miracle?

2. What does John call this miracle? Verse 11

3. Why (See 20:30-31)?

PONDER Are you taking heed of the clear signs that John has put in our way?

PRAY

Give thanks that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in his name.

Week 6 Jesus The Temple

John 2:12-25

Day 1 Read John 2:12-25

1. What was the original reason for the Jewish Passover? (Read Exodus 12:1-14)

2. Why would Jesus go up to Jerusalem at that time?

PONDER the remarkable fact that God has always had a chosen people and the incredible things he has done to keep them for himself.

PRAY

Praise God for choosing people to call his own, even though we don't deserve it.

Day 2 Read John 2:12-25

1. With the background of the Passover celebration taking place, what would you expect to see happening in Jerusalem?

2. What does Jesus encounter upon arriving at the temple?

PONDER the trap of ignoring God while looking 'religious'

PRAY

Day 3 Read John 2:12-17

1. Why is Jerusalem and the Temple significant for these Jews?

2. What usually happened in the Temple? (cf Psalm 51: 16,17) Check out Revelation 21:22. Why is there no Temple there?

PONDER what it is that pleases the Lord.

PRAY

That your heart and life will reflect true submission to God.

Day 4 Read John 2:12-25

1. What does Jesus do in the Temple?

2. How does He explain His actions?

3. Looking back on this event the disciples remember Psalm 69. They see in the action of Jesus a fulfilment of this Psalm. Look up Psalm 69 and see if you can see why they would make this identification.

PONDER the righteous anger of God & our response to it.

PRAY

That we will recognise the significance & importance of our relationship with God and live accordingly.

Day 5 Read John 2:12-25

1. What sign does Jesus give to demonstrate his authority to do what he does in the temple?

2. What were the responses to what Jesus said & did?

PONDER the similar responses that people make to Jesus today & your own response

PRAY

Praise God that the old temple has been replaced & perfected in Jesus- that we can have access to the Father through him.

Week 7 Being Born Again

John 3:1-21

Day 1 Read John 3:1-15

1. Who is it who comes to Jesus?

Follow him through this gospel - 7:50; 19:39

He begins calling Jesus 'Rabbi', he ends at the tomb.

2. What does this suggest about Nic and his relationship with Jesus?

3. At what time does he come? Given John's constant use of light dark imagery, what significance does this hold?

4. How does Jesus' answer, in verse 3, relate to Nic's comment?

PONDER We are often given Jesus with the women at the well as a model of evangelism - start where someone is at and move on (which is good advice). What model does Jesus' handling of Nic provide us in evangelism?

PRAY

For those we know who need to be brought out of darkness & into God's kingdom.

Day 2 Read John 3:1-15

1. What does Jesus mean by “being born again”?

2. What did Nic think he meant?

3. How does being born of water and the Spirit relate to being “born again” (Verse 5)?

PONDER Notice that verse 6 is filling out what he means in verse 5. Why do we need to be careful not to let later church history controversy surrounding baptism colour our view of this verse?

PRAY

That we might understand the magnitude of what we have been forgiven in Jesus & the new life we have in him.

Day 3 Read John 3:1-15

1. What does Jesus’ understanding of being “born again” say about God’s sovereign work in salvation? Vs 8

2. Why does Jesus sound surprised at Nic’s lack of insight (Verse 10)?

These OT references should help. Is 11:1-5; Jer 31:31-34; Ez 36:24-32;
Joel 2:28-32

PONDER Can you be a Christian without being “born again”?

Can you be a Christian without being “born of the Spirit”?

Are you born again?

PRAY

Day 4 Read John 3:10-21

1. There are many reminders of the first 18 verses of this book. Can you see them?

2. Recall the incident where Moses lifts up the snake in the desert. Numbers 21:4-9

How is that a ‘type’ of Jesus?

Why has Jesus come into the world (Verses 16, 17)?

PRAY

Day 5 Read John 3:10-21

1. Remember that Jesus is light. It is he that has come into the world (1:4, 9).

What does it mean that Jesus is light? 19-21

2. Who are those that come into the light?

PONDER Have you come into the light?

Do you rejoice in living in the light?

Do you fear living in the light?

PRAY

That you might more and more "live by the truth" that you can rejoice in living in the light of Jesus

Week 8 The Wrath of God

John 3:22-36

Day 1 Read John 3:22-36

1. What significance is the reference here to the Baptising of Jesus and John?

2. Verse 23 is literally translated "...because there were many waters...". Aenon was known for its many shallow springs. What implication might this have for a view about the manner in which John baptised?

PONDER what is at the heart of the baptising issue in 22-26 & if it reflects on general debates about baptism.

PRAY

Day 2 Read John 3:22-36

1. Read 3:27-30. What is John's attitude to his role in announcing Jesus?

2. What sort of attitude does John the Baptist display in 3: 31ff?

3. What does a person need to know in order to be this humble?

PONDER In what situations do you find difficult to be humble?

PRAY

Ask God to humble us so that we can see ourselves rightly in relationship to God and to other people.

Day 3 Read John 3:22-36

1. What is the impact of John choosing bride & bride groom imagery for his relationship with Jesus?

2. What Old Testament allusions do we find in his use of this image (Read Jeremiah 2:2, Hosea 2:116-20)

PONDER the intimacy & special relationship that God has chosen to bring us into with him

PRAY

Day 4 Read John 3:22-36

1. According to 3:31-36 why can Jesus be trusted as telling the truth when he speaks about God?

2. Also according to these verse what are the consequences of accepting and believing Jesus?

3. What happens if you do not accept Jesus?

PONDER if you accept all of Jesus words & testimony.

PRAY

Day 5 Read John 3:22-36

1. Read verse 31-36 & compare with 1John 5:1-12

2. What truths are similarly expressed in both passages about God, the Son & the Spirit?

PONDER the magnitude of Jesus whom we follow.

PRAY

We will honour & recognise Jesus as we should.

Week 9 Jesus Living Water

John 4:1-26

Day 1 Read John 4:1-26

John is very particular about places, and it is from him that we learn that Jesus' ministry covered at least three years. (Noting this from his references to Jesus' visits to Jerusalem for particular feasts)

1. Why did Jesus leave Judea for Galilee?

2. What do you learn from this reading about Jews and Samaritans?

3. What else do you understand about their differences historically?

(A good Bible dictionary might help you here.)

PONDER the enormous spiritual separation that divided God's people from those around them. How that is still so evident today?

PRAY

Giving thanks that God has chosen to reveal his Son to people who don't deserve it.

Day 2 Read John 4:1-26

1. Jesus offers the woman Living Water. How do the following Scriptures help you to understand what might have been in His mind?

John 4:10, 4:14; 7:37-39; Exodus 17:1-6; Deuteronomy 8:15; Isaiah 41:17,18; 44:3 Jeremiah 2:13; Ezekiel 47:1-12

PONDER the spiritual thirst that we require and only God can quench.

PRAY

For those you know who remain in need of this Living Water.

Day 3 Read John 4:1-26

1. Imagine you knew this woman. She has no husband and is in her sixth relationship. Would you have thought she would have been interested in Jesus and His Living Water? Why? Why not?
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2. What sort of people do you think are "interested" in the gospel?
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3. What does your answer to the question about the woman reveal about you?
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PONDER Have you ever had a conversation like this moving from the 'ordinary' to the gospel?

PRAY

For more!!

Day 4 Read John 4:1-26

1. Imagining Jesus to be a prophet (v 19) she engages Jesus in a conversation about the correct place of 'worship'.

How do the following references help you to understand what this means?

See Deut 12:5,11; 16:2, 6, 11.

2. Jesus' comments clearly indicate the place, nature of worship will change.

Verse 21. Place will no longer be relevant.

3. What will be relevant? Vs 23, 24

PONDER the trap of confusing a building or location as the "right" place for worship.

PRAY

Day 5 Read John 4:1-26

1. How does the rest of the NT speak of this new character of worship? (The language of sacrifice is synonymous with the Bible's notion of worship)

See Romans 12:1,2; Hebrews 13:15,16; Philippians 4:14-18; Romans 15:14-16 (where Paul sees his ministry of evangelism in terms of sacrifice and offering)

2. In this light consider 1 Peter 2:9

3. Work through Jesus' reply to the woman. What does He mean?

Jesus declares Himself to be the Messiah of whom the woman had spoken!

PONDER Is it appropriate to speak of “Going to church to worship” if Jesus’ death ushers in the “time” that was “coming” when we would worship in “spirit and truth”, and if the NT is more concerned with a life devoted to God every day, everywhere as worship?

PRAY

Week 10 The Harvest Begins

John 4:27-54

Day 1 Read John 4:27-42

1. The disciples are surprised (that Jesus was talking with the woman), though no one questioned Him. He was full of surprises!

He was tired in 4:4 and expected to be hungry in 4:33. What does this reveal about Jesus?

2. Read Phillipians 2:5-11 What exactly has God the Son done for us in becoming man

PONDER the humanity of Jesus & the incredible significance that he is both man & God

PRAY

Day 2 Read John 4:27-42

1. What does He mean by His answer in 4:32 (See 4:33)?

2. Try to explain 4:35-38 as Jesus' Word to you. You might like to write it down beginning HE SAID TO ME:

Use these words in rewriting Jesus' words: Gospel work, urgency, time, now, evangelism, bridge building.

PONDER how you can take advantage of the ripe harvest field.

PRAY

That God will work through you to take advantage of the ripe harvest field.

Day 3 Read John 4:39-42

1. The Samaritans having heard the woman's testimony now hear Him for themselves... and declare Him to be the Saviour of the world. How is this expression significant in the big picture of who Jesus is and what He does and for whom He does it?

Consider Genesis 3:15; 12:2,3; John 3:16; Isaiah 49:6; Luke 2:29-32;
Revelation 7:9

PONDER your own status before God if this good news had not been revealed to you.

PRAY

Day 4 Read John 4:39-42

1. In what way or ways are you part of this BIG PICTURE God has for the world/nations?
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2. How are you challenged by the witness of John the Baptist, Andrew, Phillip and the woman?
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3. Do you have anything worth sharing? See 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10.

PONDER the simple testimony of the woman and the amazing response that came about.

PRAY

For a similar passion for the good news you have received.

Day 5 Read John 4:43-54

The Journey to Galilee continues 4:43-54 (see 4:3)

1. How does this incident show the urgent need of the 'royal official'?

2. In what ways does his response to Jesus demonstrate what FAITH IS and ISN'T?

(See Romans 10:17)

PONDER the dependability of God & his power over everything.

PRAY

For faith to trust God
